

# **IDAHO OFFICE OF DRUG POLICY**



## **AGENCY STRATEGIC PLAN**

For Fiscal Years Ending  
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## **Vision**

The Idaho Office of Drug Policy (ODP) envisions an environment in which all state agencies and officials are communicating through an interagency approach to promote substance abuse prevention and treatment for the people of Idaho.

## **Mission**

The purpose of the Idaho Office of Drug Policy is to execute through HB106 the coordination of all drug and substance abuse programs in the state of Idaho.

## **Operating Philosophy**

The Idaho Office of Drug Policy believes that through the cooperation of state agencies, local government, elected officials and the private sector, the use of illegal drugs can be reduced and treatment for substance abusers can be enhanced. In so doing, Idaho will be a safer and healthier place.

- Communication must be open and non-judgmental.
- All partners in this effort must come to the table willing to do their part in the developing and implementation of a comprehensive state plan.
- We understand that the goal is to improve the quality of life for all citizens of our state and that our clients deserve our respect and help.
- We strive to meet our mandate for improved substance abuse services while protecting the taxpayers of Idaho by delivering these services while expecting accountability from each agency within the interagency committee.
- Work with private enterprise to develop a business approach to government planning (Albertson's Foundation looking at funding such a plan.)

## **Authority Statement**

The Office of Drug Policy was created by HB106 in 2007 as the agency designated to oversee and execute the coordination of all drug and substance abuse programs within the State of Idaho. The office is directed to work with counties, cities and local law enforcement on programs, policies and issues in combating Idaho's illegal drug and substance abuse problems. The administrator is to serve as chairperson of the interagency committee on substance abuse prevention and treatment, as created in section 39-303 Idaho Code, to insure that the interagency committee coordinates and directs all state entities regarding substance abuse prevention and treatment delivery services statewide.

## **Goals**

- 1. Cooperate and consult with counties, cities and local law enforcement on programs, policies and issues in combating Idaho's illegal drug and substance abuse problem.**

### **Objectives**

- A. Communicate with local agencies and elected officials regarding substance abuse efforts by the State and provide assistance and support for their efforts to reduce illegal drug use and substance abuse.

### **Strategies**

- 1) Meet with local elected officials at the annual conferences of the Idaho Association of Counties and the Association of Idaho Cities for two-way discussions concerning substance abuse issues.
- 2) Hold meetings in each region for local elected officials, local government and state agencies to discuss state efforts to combat illegal drug use and substance abuse and how these efforts can be coordinated with local efforts for the best outcome.

Performance Measures

- Conference attended and meetings held

**2. Coordinate public and private entities to develop, create and promote statewide campaigns to reduce and eliminate substance abuse.**

Objectives

- A. Increase the public awareness of the personal and public devastation created through illegal drug use and substance abuse.

Strategies

- 1) Assist Executive Director of the Idaho Meth Project in obtaining resources for a privately-funded effort to combat the use of methamphetamines (meth) in the State of Idaho.
- 2) Monitor the Idaho Meth Project and the “Not Even Once” campaign for schools, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Idaho Drug Free Youth, etc.
- 3) Continue to monitor national public prevention efforts that could be successful in Idaho.
- 4) Be open to new and creative prevention concepts.

Performance Measures

- Were resources raised from the private sector to fund the Idaho Meth Project.
- Was focus given to prevention efforts in Idaho. Examples would be were features run in newspapers or on television and radio.
- How many schools have a “Not Even Once campaign, along with Safe and Drug Free Schools and what is the level of participation.

**3. Focus on statewide efforts to address substance abuse by assessing statewide needs, developing a statewide plan, and coordinating and directing efforts of all state entities that use public funds for efforts to address substance abuse.**

Objectives

- A. Establish, organize, chair and maintain Interagency Committee on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ICSAPT)

Strategies

- 1) Organize committee and schedule regular meetings.
- 2) Track issues and provide forum for discussion and method for addressing these issues.
- 3) Bring in ad-hoc members, both private and public, who add the necessary expertise for a comprehensive strategy.

Performance Measures

- Is committee organized and meeting on a regular basis.
- Is there documentation of business conducted and are state substance abuse issues being addressed and solutions sought.
- Are all members of the committee actively participating.

- B. Through the ICSAPT, assess each agency’s needs in addressing HB106 mandate and formulate work plan and policy needed to meet that mandate.

Strategies

- 1) Assess substance abuse programs, agency-by-agency, for effectiveness.
- 2) Assess current policies for needed revisions to increase effectiveness.
- 3) Build into programs measurement tools if they are not currently in place to assess effectiveness.

#### Performance Measures

- How many agency programs were assessed.
- Was policy evaluation and revision completed.
- Were measurement tools developed to assess program effectiveness.

- C. Develop a statewide plan, and coordinate and direct efforts of all state entities that use public funds for efforts to address substance abuse.

#### Strategies

- 1) Use information on all current programs statewide to find any duplicative efforts.
- 2) Bring list before ICSAPT to determine where programs can be enhanced, combined or eliminated.

#### Performance Measurement

- Were the duplicative programs identified.
- Were those programs enhanced, combined or eliminated.

- D. All state agencies utilizing public funding to address substance abuse will be using a common assessment tool.

#### Strategies

- 1) Utilize ICSAPT membership or their designees to evaluate and choose substance abuse and mental health assessment tool.
- 2) Train staff in Idaho to use assessment tool.
- 3) Provide IT framework for system to work intra-state with agencies as well as for contracted state providers.
- 4) Create an information system or database that identifies those administering the assessment tool, the site where the assessment is being administered and a unique identifier for each client that follows that client through the system.
- 5) Act as the organizational center for the roll-out of the assessment tool by all state agencies.
- 6) Do statewide appraisal of utilization rate and client placement appropriateness by agency, of the common assessment tool.

#### Performance Measures

- Has common assessment tool been chosen.
- Have necessary staff been trained to provide adequate coverage for the state.
- Has data framework been developed to track clients through the system.
- Has initial data been evaluated as to the agency use level of the assessment tool and feedback collected concerning placement of individuals after having been administered the assessment.

- E. Establish a pilot regional interagency committee in Region VII to include local representatives from ISP, DHW, counties, cities, schools, courts and community leaders to provide a mechanism for partner-to-partner communication as well as for ODP to gain on-the-ground feedback on how programs are working.

#### Strategies

- 1) Meet with potential members of regional interagency committee to assist them in organizing group to guide the regional efforts on substance abuse.
- 2) Provide support for regional interagency committee from ODP.

#### Performance Measures

- Is the Region VII Interagency Committee on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment functioning as expected.
- Has the ODP been of assistance to the committee.

### **4. Establish a system for youth intervention statewide.**

#### Objectives

- A. Work with the public schools on using the common assessment tool to evaluate students.

Strategies

- 1) Gather information in each region of the state on the schools that need training.
- 2) Train the school counselor's and resource officer's on the common assessment tool.

Performance Measures

- Information for each region gathered to have a comprehensive list of schools to contact.
  - Appropriate personnel at schools trained on common assessment tool.
- B. Work with the interagency and Business Psychology Associates (BPA) to establish new policies and procedure to use in evaluating youth using the common assessment tool.

Strategies

- 1) Coordinate with the ICSAPT the policies and procedures needed.
- 2) Communicate with the interagency and BPA the new policies and procedures.

Performance Measures

- New policies and procedures established through the interagency approach.
- Policies and procedures put into place via BPA.

**5. Reevaluate the states recovery and safe community practices.**

Objectives

- A. Look at best practice, evidence based treatment plans.

Strategies

- 1) Significantly expand the role of individuals in their recovery.
- 2) Identify programs offered at community colleges to incorporate into the recovery phase of treatment.
- 3) Identify workforce programs in place, or that need to be developed, to hire recovering addicts.
- 4) Identify strategies to support and sustain the use of newly acquired skills in the workforce.

Performance Measures

- Programs offered at community colleges specifically targeted to recovering addicts.
- Workforce programs for recovery addicts maintained and expanded.